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1. ACCORDING TO

LUIS CORVALAN, IMPRISONED SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE PCCH, IS OPPOSED TO THE IDEA OF HIS BEING
EXCHANGED FOR THE SOVIET VLADIMIR BUKOVSKY. PCCH
LEADERS BELIEVE THAT IT IS ON THE INSIDE, THAT THE SOVIETS
WILL NOT REPLY TO THE CHILEAN OFFER TO EXCHANGE CORVALAN, AND

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THAT THE CHILEANS WILL EVENTUALLY RELEASE CORVALAN UNCONDITIONALLY AS A FURTHER PROPAGANDA MOVE. THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT KNOWS THAT IT HAS GAINED POINTS INTERNATIONALLY AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT RELEASE OF MOST OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD UNDER THE STATE OF SIEGE, AND PCCH LEADERS SPECULATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT WANT TO LOSE THE MOMENTUM OF THE DRAMATIC EFFECT OF THE RELEASE.

2. THAT THE PCCH HAS BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF THE PRISONER RELEASE BY GENERAL HECTOR OROZCO, DIRECTOR OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE (DINE), WHO WAS REGULAR CONTACT WITH PCCH MILITANT CESAR TOLEDO, A GRADUATE OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY AND FORMER JUDGE WHO HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH OROZCO OVER THE YEARS. COMMENT: TOLEDO WAS CHIEF OF THE CABINET OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, WHEN THAT POSITION WAS HELD IN 1972-73 BY SERGIO INSUNZA BARRIOS, A PROMINENT PCCH LEADER. TOLEDO IS ALSO FRIENDLY WITH LT. COLONEL PATRICIO MARTINEZ MOENA, COMMANDER OF THE 13TH INFANTRY REGIMENT "ANDALUEN" IN CAUQUENES AND WITH COLONEL LABAZUA (FNU).

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3. [REDACTED] THAT ACCORDING TO PCCH LEADERS, A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO RELEASE THE PRISONERS WAS THE REFUSAL ABOUT A MONTH AGO BY A GROUP OF ARMY COMMANDERS TO ALLOW THEIR COMMAND FACILITIES TO BE USED TO DETAIN PERSONS. [REDACTED] THE COMMANDERS WANTED TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE ARMED FORCES. REPORTEDLY, PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PINOCHET REPLACED SOME OF THE COMMANDERS AND REASSIGNED SEVERAL OTHERS ABROAD. [REDACTED]

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4. THE PARTY SEES THE PRISONER RELEASE AS A VICTORY FOR ITS POLICY OF NON-VIOLENCE. PARTY LEADERS ALSO SEE IT AS THE BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF CONCESSIONS LEADING TO THE EVENTUAL

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LIFTING OF THE STATE OF SIEGE. THEY SPECULATE THAT ONE OF THE NEXT MOVES WILL BE THE REPLACEMENT OF MANUEL TRUCCO AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES BY SOMEONE MORE CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING A DIALOGUE WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. PCCCH LEADERS ESTIMATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THE PRISONER RELEASE WAS GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THE POLITICAL TEAM (SIC) OF THE DAILY "EL MERCURIO", SPECIFICALLY JORGE FONTAINE, TOMAS MACHALE AND JAIME GUZMAN. THEY ALSO POINT OUT THAT THE MASONS HAVE BEEN URGING A PRISONER RELEASE WHICH COULD BE DONE IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WOULD NOT GET THE CREDIT.

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5. PCCCH LEADERS ARE NOW MAINLY CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE PARTY LEADERS WHO HAVEDISAPPEARED SINCE APRIL 1976. ACCORDING TO: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE PARTY HAS INFORMATION THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE PERSONS ARE ALIVE AND BEING HELD IN A SPECIAL DETENTION CENTER, THE CENTER IS CALLED "LASTORRES", AND IS AN OLD FORT WHICH WAS PART OF AN OBSOLETE CHAIN OF FORTIFICATIONS IN THE ANDEAN FOOTHILLS. IT IS LOCATED IN THE CAJON DE IBANEZ NEAR LINARES.

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6. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE PARTY IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY RELEASE SOME OF THE DISAPPEARED PERSONS, CLAIMING THAT THEY HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER ASSUMED NAMES AND THAT IT HAD TAKEN A LONG TIME TO DETERMINE THEIR TRUE IDENTITIES. [REDACTED] SAID THAT SINCE THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO HAD DISAPPEARED BELONGED TO THE CLANDESTINE APPARATUS, THIS EXPLANATION COULD BE MADE TO SOUND PLAUSIBLE AND GIVE THE GOVERNMENT AN OUT;

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7. [REDACTED]

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